(b) whether the banks were reluctant to disburse this amount to the jute mills under Jute Mills Fund Scheme (JMFS);

(c) whether out of Rs.98 crores sanctioned, only Rs. 52 crores were released last year; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) The Governmet of India started a Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme (JMFS) with an approved ceiling of Rs.150 crores as loan from Financial Institutions (FI's) w.e.f. November, 1986 to cater to the modernisation requirements of the jute industry. All major financial institutions with IFCI as the nodal agency were participating in the implementation of the scheme by lending funds to healthy as well as weak but potentially viable jute mills undertaking need based modernisation of plant and machinery. The scheme was effective till 31.3.95

(c) Loans of Rs.51.73 crores were disbursed by the Financial Institutions till 31.3.95 to 16 mills.

(d) The main reasons for underutilisation of JMFS were (a) non-availability of adequate machinery at reasonable prices (b) the revision in the rate of interest & (c) high rates of custom duty on imported machinery. However, a new scheme titled "Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)" has been launched w.e.f. 1.4.99 to cater to the needs of modernisation of textile sector including jute.

**NTC Units in Rajasthan**

†*249. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of NTC units functioning in Rajasthan and the details of profit earned/loss incurred by them during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken and proposed to be taken for strengthening the NTC units at Byawar and Vijaynagar in Ajmer district?

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) NTC has 4 mills in Rajasthan. The details regarding losses incurred during the last 3 years are given below:—

(Losses in Rupees Crores.)

| S. No. | Name of Mills | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Edward Mills | 2.46 | 3.46 | 4.99 |
| 2. | Mahalaxmi Mills | 2.05 | 3.07 | 4.30 |
| 3. | Sh.Bijay Cotton Mills | 2.69 | 02.90 | 3.74 |
| 4. | Udaipur Cotton Mills | 1.69 | 2.12 | 3.81 |

(b) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for all the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

**Self-Sufficiency in Power Sector**

*250 SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power requirement of the country;

(b) the installed capacity of power plants and how much power is produced;.

(c) how the gap between the power produced and power required is to be bridged; and

(d) whether any perspective planning has been made as to when India is likely to be self-sufficient in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) During April—November, 1999, the energy requirement in the country was 311148 Million Units and the